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Dear Josh:

The CEQ report on cancer statistics is beginning to have its adverse impact even though it was poorly done and lacked peer review. I note that ACS is now revising its cancer statistics. You have suggested an "experts" symposium to "peer review" the CEQ document and bring forward other relevant facts. There's a crying need to push forward with such a review in order to give proper and well founded direction to the National Cancer Program. This seems to fit well with your role as Chairman of the President's Cancer Panel and with the new Rockefeller Life Sciences and Public Policy Program.

Is there a way that we can help with organizations or raising funds for such an effort? Based on your comments, I would envision a jointly sponsored effort of NCI/Industry under the auspices of an independent institution, e.g., Rockefeller University.

Thanks for your strong participation in the CIIT board meeting and scientific evening. I'm delighted to hear comments about the "benzene" research.

Now that Bill Lowrance has arrived to head up your Public Policy Program, perhaps we could arrange a meeting with program supporters to review progress, programs and future directions. Bill's "Of Acceptable Risk" is liberally quoted by various groups presently looking into the establishment of a conceptual framework for chemical risk assessment.

Please let me hear from you on the CEQ matter when convenient and thanks for your help.

Very truly yours,

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